



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE1. NAME OF PROPERTY: 129 West Montgomery StreetAddress of property, Street: same as aboveCity: Baltimore County: _____ State: Maryland Zip Code: 21230Name of historic district in which property is located: Little Montgomery Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

129 West Montgomery Street is a three-story masonry structure with a flat roof. The front (North) of the building is two bays wide and contains the most significant features. The side (West) is three bays wide. An addition was constructed to the rear of the building sometime in the past. (see reverse side)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

The historical significance of 129 West Montgomery Street is based more on its location than the actual structure. Little Montgomery Street Historic District is located in an area called Sharp Leadenhall. The name Sharp Leadenhall was devised in the

Date of construction (if known): Circa 1850 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): N/A (see reverse side)

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name: Montgomery West CorporationStreet: 14 Straw Hat RoadCity: Owings Mills State: Md. Zip Code: 21117Telephone Number (during day): Area Code: (301) 356-4400 (Andy Siegel)

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature: Andrew N. Siegel Date: 3/2/83**For office use only**

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district.

Signature: [Signature] Date: _____
 State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under Section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure

☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Keeper of the National Register

PART 1 - #2. 129 West Montgomery Street has been vacant for at least five years and has suffered accordingly. A fire all but destroyed the rear two-story addition. The metal cornice on the front has been damaged beyond repair. The original first floor front has been remuddled a number of times making it impossible to determine the original configuration.

The existing front contains one of the most unique details of any house in the Little Montgomery Historic District. The wood lintels have a very unique wave-like relief pattern. In addition, a massive wooden bracketed cornice with ventilator panels caps the top of the building. Finally, the original masonry on the front facade is an excellent example of 19 century brick masonry constructed with a running bond pattern and hairline masonry joints known locally as butter joints.

PART 1 - #3. mid-1970s and has no relation to the history of the property. The area was originally patented in 1667 as "Howard's Timber Neck." Because of its close proximity to Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the land of Sharp Leadenhall was marshy and malarial and, therefore, slow to develop. While in the early 19th century the City of Baltimore expanded northward and westward, its push to the south was delayed because of these conditions. The portion of Montgomery Street which lies in the Little Montgomery Historic District was the southern boundary of the incorporated town of Baltimore until 1816 and was originally called Timber Neck Lane.

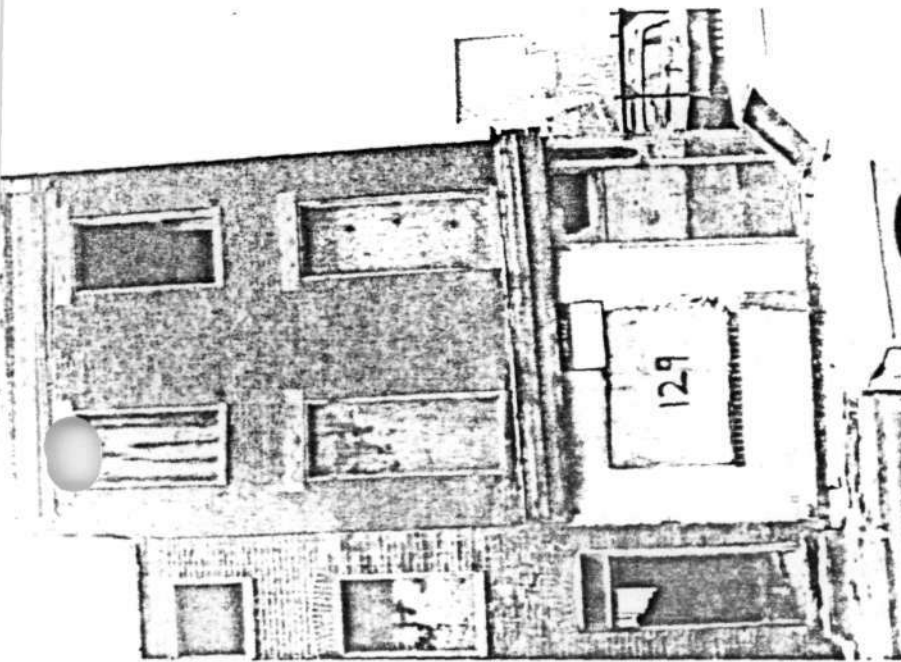
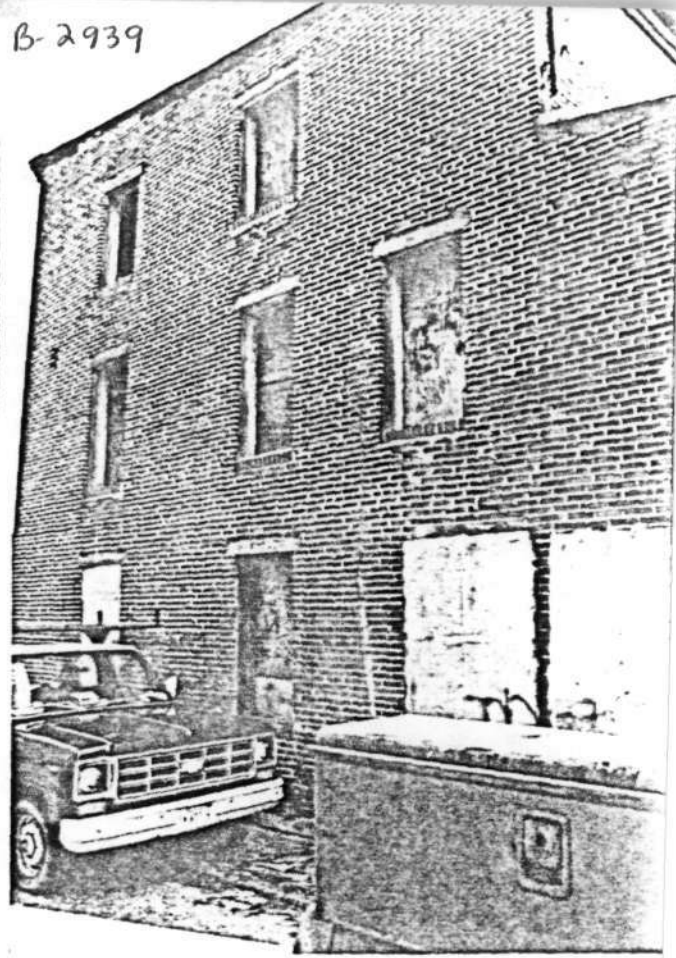
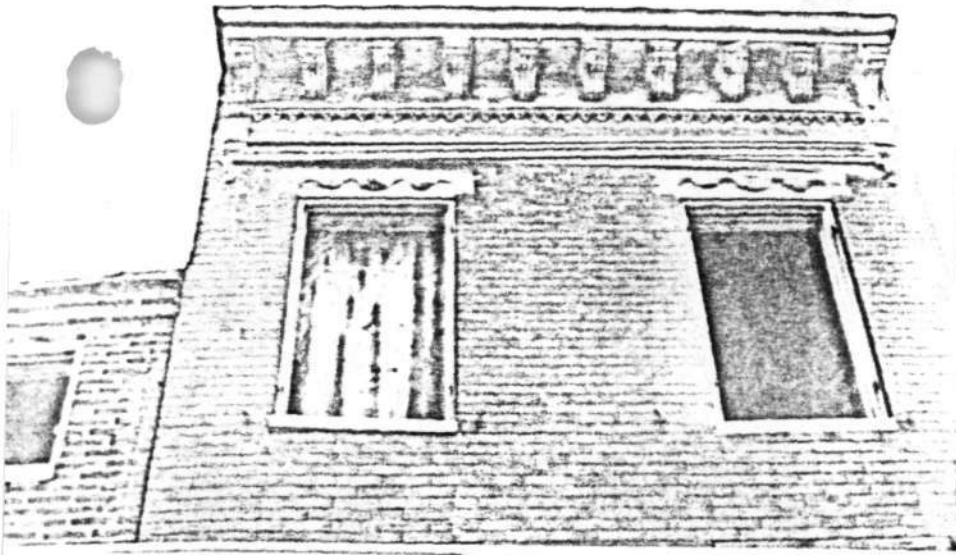
Sometime between August and November, 1811, Sharp Leadenhall, whose only street has been Timber Neck Lane, was completely surveyed for streets. At the same time, the lines of Paca (Howard), Chestnut (Sharp), Peach Alley, which remains to this day, and Leadenhall Street were laid south from Timber Neck Lane to the water. 129 West Montgomery Street is located at the corner of what was originally Timber Neck Lane (Montgomery Street), and Peach Alley. Also in 1811 the land bounded by Montgomery, Leadenhall, Henrietta and Peach Streets which included 129 West Montgomery Street, was purchased at auction by Frederick Sumwalt. Sumwalt, a brick maker, did later become the superintendent of streets, as well as the superintendent of pumps for Baltimore City.

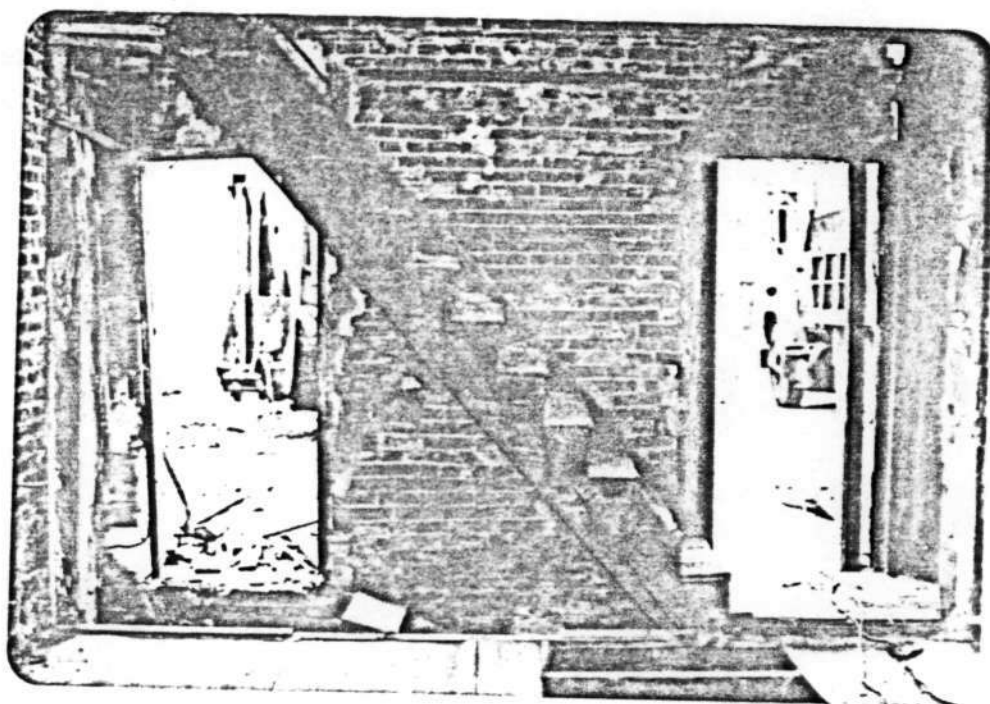
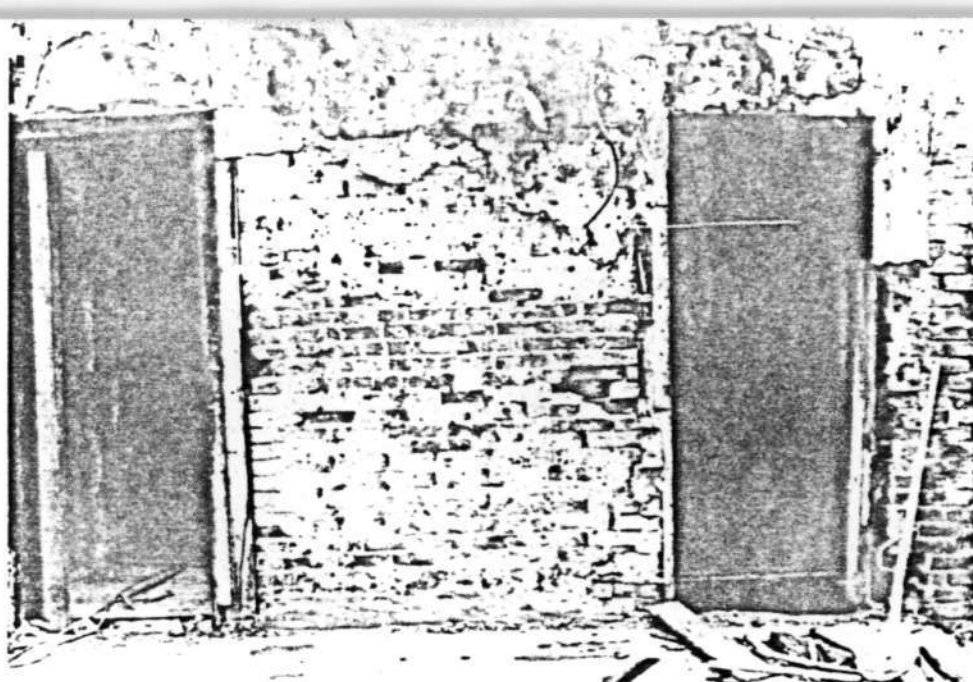
Between 1814 and 1823, some brick buildings were built on Sumwalt's land, none of which survives today with its original front facade.

In 1828 construction of the B&O Railroad began, not more than two blocks from 129 West Montgomery Street. Beginning in that year until the completion of the railroad in 1852, the Sharp Leadenhall area finally began to grow. By 1857, when the Camden Station was finally completed, at the time the largest and most elegant in the United States, Little Montgomery Historic District was entirely built. Beginning in the early 1850s nearly all the new purchasers of the property in the District had German surnames. Some did live there, and some did sell them to the wave of German immigrants who had begun to enter Baltimore in great numbers in the 1840s. The wave of immigration in the District caused severe competition among the laboring classes of Baltimore before the decade of the Civil War. As early as 1846, the intersection of Hill, Sharp, Montgomery and Hughes Streets, was named Hermitage Square, reflecting the strong fervor of Jacksonian democrats. Hermitage Square was located directly across the street from 129 West Montgomery Street. In addition, the first southern police station constructed in 1856 was located on the southeast corner of Hermitage Square at the intersections of Hughes and Montgomery Streets. As time wore on Timber Neck Lane came to be known as Little Montgomery Street. The feel for Little Montgomery Street remains today. The intimate scale that such a street possesses along with the juxtaposition of the two street grids makes the District a unique space within the urban environment. This part of Montgomery Street acts as a link to the social economic and architectural history of Baltimore.

ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE CERTIFICATION APPLICATION OF THE LITTLE MONTGOMERY HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE SITE SURVEYS WERE MADE BY THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

129 W. Montgomery Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO **vacant**

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDSCOMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CITY, TOWN

Room 601

STATE

100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Md. 21202

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story high, two bay wide building is at the end of a row, occupying a corner site. At one time the building housed a commercial establishment on the first floor. The building is of brick laid in running bond.

The first floor has been severely altered and is now virtually a wall of concrete set beneath a galvanized metal cornice. Second floor windows are taller than those on the third, but all are framed in the same wooden pattern. Sills and lintels are of wood, and shutter hinges remain at each frame. The uniquely ornamented lintels each feature a carved area of waves spanning the lintels. Wooden rosettes originally rested at the center of each lintel.

The broad wooden cornice features a wide freize terminated on either end by a pair of brackets set in from the sides of the facade. A row of modillions supports the projecting cornice.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

129 W. Montgomery Street is an ordinary building except for the unusual wooden lintels at second and third floor windows.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bill Pencek, Planning Assistant

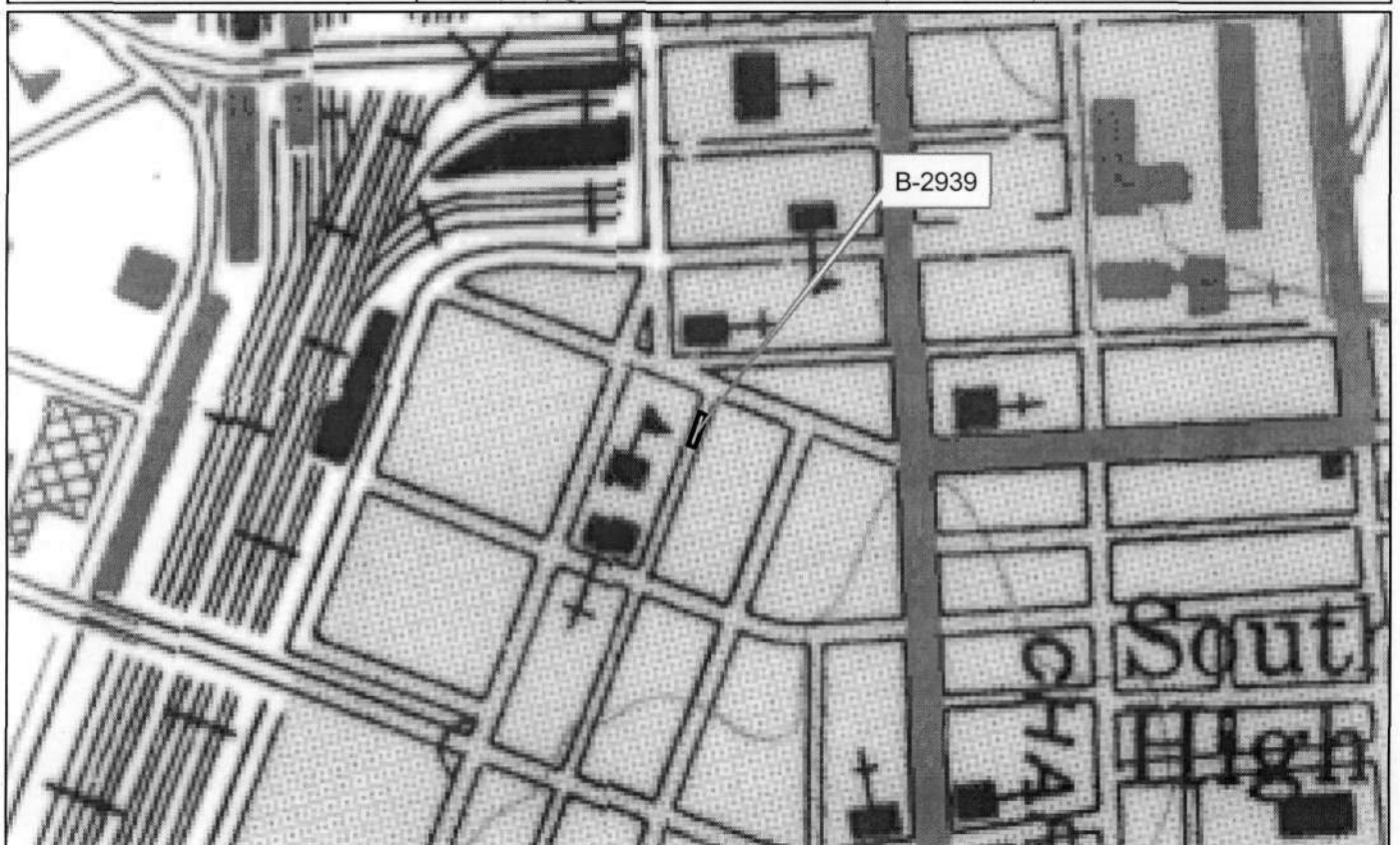
ORGANIZATION	COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION	DATE	1976
STREET & NUMBER	Room 601	TELEPHONE	396-4866
CITY OR TOWN	100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Md. 21202	STATE	

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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129 W. Montgomery Street
Block 0902 Lots 030
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





129 W. MONTGOMERY ST.

BLOCK 902

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